REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed December 1, 2003. Claims 1 – 19 were pending in the present application. Claims 1 – 19 remain pending in the application.

Applicant notes that claim 19 was not acknowledged in the Office Action.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pogue (PalmPilot: The Ultimate Guide, hereinafter "Pogue").

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of "Main" on page 7 of Pogue as a container object, and with the Examiner's characterization of "Address" and "Calc" on page 7 of Pogue as renderer objects.

Pogue teaches that a Palm Pilot may have a plurality of category pages, with each of which may contain a plurality of icons for different installed applications. Pogue further teaches that these category pages may be switched between through the use of a pop-up menu in the upper right corner of the screen. (Pogue, pages 3 – 7) Thus "Main" is *a listing for a category screen*, while "Address" and "Calc" are *icons for installed programs*.

Accordingly, Applicant can find no language in Pogue that teaches or suggests "...wherein, in response to said list container object specifying a corresponding list item data object for each list item renderer object, **each list item renderer object is executable to display the list item data object** in the display device of the small footprint device," as recited in Applicant's claim 1.

Accordingly claim 1, along with its dependent claims 1 – 6, is believed to patentably distinguish over Pogue. Claims 7 and 13 recite features similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly claims 7 and 13, along with their dependent claims 8 – 12 and 14 – 19 are believed to patentably distinguish over Pogue for at least the reasons given above.

Claims 1-18 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Wanderski (USPN 6,147,687, hereinafter "Wanderski") in view of Microsoft Windows NT Explorer.

Wanderski teaches a hierarchical tree view wherein a disk drive or other root directory branches out into numerous subdirectories and files contained therein. (Wanderski, col. 1, lines 21 – 41, also Figs. 3A – C and Figure 1 of Microsoft Windows NT Explorer)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of "Office" in the left pane in Fig. 1 of Microsoft Windows NT Explorer as a list container object, and the Examiner's characterization of the icons on the right pane of Fig. 1 as list item renderer objects. As described in Wanderski, "Office" in the left pane of Fig. 1 is a *subdirectory* containing numerous files and applications. The right pane of Fig. 1 of Microsoft Windows NT Explorer contains numerous *icons*, each of which is associated with a specific application or application extension (as identified in the "type" column) contained in the Office subdirectory.

An icon is a visual representation of a file, device, or subdirectory, as described in Wanderski, col. 8, lines 32 – 44. An icon in and of itself is not executable code and cannot be executed, contrary to the Examiner's assertion that "the renderer object is executed/run (such as when the object is double-clicked on)." Accordingly, Applicant can find no language in Wanderski or Microsoft Windows NT Explorer that teaches or suggests "...wherein, in response to said list container object specifying a corresponding list item data object for each list item renderer object, each list item renderer object is executable to display the list item data object in the display device of the small footprint device," as recited in Applicant's claim 1.

Accordingly claim 1, along with its dependent claims 1 – 6, is believed to patentably distinguish over Wanderski and Microsoft Windows NT Explorer. Claims 7

and 13 recite features similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly claims 7 and 13, along with their dependent claims 8 – 12 and 14 – 19 are believed to patentably distinguish over Wanderski and Microsoft Windows NT Explorer for at least the reasons given above.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

No fees are believed necessary; however , the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505\5181-53800\BNK.

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